

REMARKS

1. Status of claims

After entry of the above amendment, claims 99-139, 141-180, 182-183, and 186-194 are pending.

2. Support for amendment

Claims 99, 107, 122, 151, and 168 have been amended to resemble claim 184, now canceled. Applicants wish to point out that the Examiner considered claims 99 and 184 duplicative. Claims 181 and 184-185 are cancelled as being redundant over claims 168, 99, and 106, respectively, as amended. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

3. Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

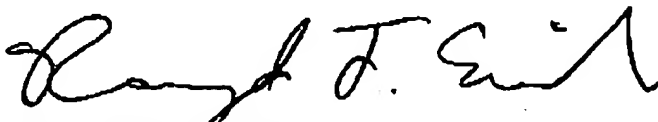
Claims 184-185 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as embodying "same invention" double patenting. In response, Applicants cancel claims 184-185.

4. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit claims 99-139, 141-180, 182-183, and 186-194 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned patent agent at (713) 934-4065 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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